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## **Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 15, 2015**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Present at Meeting:** Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Branham, Mrs. Knagge, Laura from NCEDB, Tim of Midtaufer & Associates, Marie from Fred Fox & Associates, three (3) members of the community, and two (2) members of the Media.

**Absent:** Mr. Williams

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**Meeting Called to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:04 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation** – Pledge and Invocation by Mr. Bass

**Visitors Welcomed and Reminded Minutes are Being Recorded** -- Mr. Bass

### **Persons Wishing to Address Council on Items Not on the Agenda**

1. Michael Yorka – 45163 Green Avenue
  - Asked the Council to consider sponsoring him & the West Nassau Color Guard Program.
  - Council Consensus was to place a Resolution on the Agenda for the next meeting for consideration.

### **Minutes**

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
  - Motion Carried.

## **New Business**

- Donation ARK Wildlife Care Center
  - Mr. Fontes stated that the ARK Wildlife Center is a Hospital for Wild Animals.
  - He also stated that on the recommendation of Mr. Williams they would like the Town to consider donating some old equipment.
    - Backhoe valued around \$200
    - 60 Kilowatt Generator valued around \$400
  - Motion to donate old equipment to the ARK by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
  - Discussion:
    - Mr. Branham asked Mr. Fontes to consider tabling his Motion while he researched whether or not the Town can donate the items.
    - Motion to Table his Motion for research by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - After Research Mr. Branham stated that by Charter the Donations could be done, but would need to be passed by Resolution.
  - Motion to withdrawal previous motions on this matter by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
  - Council consensus to add item to next Meeting's Agenda as a Resolution.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing for CDBG Grant
  - Mr. Bass closed the Regular Meeting & Opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM.
  - Marie from Fox & Associates read the Project Narrative for the CDBG Grant.
  - Mr. Fontes stated that item 5 & 6 (which are not as vital at this time) were not funded by the Grant unless there are any monies left from the Grant then the Town will consider doing these items with those funds or with Town money.
  - Mr. Norman from Midtauer & Associates stated there was an error in the totals: The Project total will be \$675,000 with the Town's contribution of \$25,000.
  - **There was NO Public Comment.**
  - Mr. Bass closed the Public Hearing & Reopened the Regular Meeting at 7:21 PM.
- Resolution 2015-R07 – Long & Short Term Objectives for Development Plan
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R07 by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Resolution 2015-R08 – Submission for Block Grant
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R08 by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.
- Resolution 2015-R09 – Neighborhood Revitalization Funding
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R09 by Mrs. Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw. Motion Carried.

## **Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments** – None

## **Review & Approval of Town Expenditures**

- General Fund **\$9,657.13**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mrs. Shaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fontes. Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$15,771.74**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Disbursements **None**

## **Around the Council Table**

- **Mayor** – Nothing
- **Mrs. Smith – Parks**
  - Met with Randy from the First United Methodist Church and they will be planning to help with more improvements at Ewing Park.
- **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer**
  - Attended County Commissioners Meeting last Monday & they approved the Interlocal Agreement for the Block Grant.
    - ✓ Mrs. Knagge stated that we had received it and it was already sent over to Fox & Associates.
  - He & Mr. Williams will be meeting with Advanced Disposal tomorrow morning.
    - ✓ Mr. Branham stated that the Contract dates back to 1991 and there 2 Exhibits relating to rates & recycling.
      - Our Contract doesn't have those exhibits or show any rates.
      - If we can establish evidence that neither party has this information than we have the right to open up negotiations to a new contract & adjusted rates.
      - Mr. Fontes will report back the Meeting results.
  - Met with Mr. Crawford & his financial advisor.
    - ✓ The main issue is that our Bond isn't big enough for most banks to want to refinance it.
    - ✓ The Financial Advisor is looking into some of our options and will get back with us.
  - Brought up the issue of the Town needing a new employee to help in the field & in the office.
    - ✓ Asked the other Council members to let him know what qualifications they think this person would need.
    - ✓ Mrs. Shaw asked about possibly contracting out the yard work. Mrs. Smith will look into collecting estimates.
    - ✓ Mr. Mellecker asked why the four guys can't get it done if it is part of their assigned work load.
    - ✓ Council Consensus to explore this option and to add to the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.
  - In the spirit of Annexation & Growing the Town
    - ✓ Would like to know how we can stop the School Board from buying up more Town land.
    - ✓ 50-55% of the Town Property is non-taxable due to churches & School's.

- **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – Nothing
- **Mrs. Shaw – Streets** -- Nothing
- **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning** – Nothing
- **Mr. Branham – Attorney** – Nothing
- **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**
  - No Council Meeting July 20<sup>th</sup> due to Mayor and Attorney being out of Town.
  - Out of Town at Clerk's Conference June 19-24 Available through email or text.
  - Asked everyone to please pray for Mr. Williams's mother.
- **Mr. Williams – Town Manager** -- Absent
- **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**
  - Stated he has been reaching out to Businesses to encourage them to come to Callahan.
    - Golden Corral stated they will only open a location that would ensure they have 3,000 customers a day, and our Town is too small for them.

**Adjourn** -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried. Time: 7:41 PM



~~John Kenneth Bass, Council President~~  
Janet Shaw Pro-Tem



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk